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REMARKSA. Period For Reply

A shortened statutory period for reply was set to expire three months from the mailing date of the Office Action of December 1, 2005. December 1, 2005 plus three months was March 1, 2006. March 1, 2006 plus one month was Saturday, April 1, 2006. This paper is being filed on or before Monday, April 3, 2006 with a petition for extension of time of one month.

B. Status

The Office Action of December 1, 2005 was nonfinal.

C. Disposition Of Claims

Claims 28 and 37 are pending.

D. Application Papers

It is noted that, in the Office Action Summary, the drawings filed on October 11, 2003 were accepted by the Examiner. If the Examiner could verify this acceptance, this would be very much appreciated.

E. Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119

This case does not claim foreign priority.

F. Attachments

Applicant filed one PTO-1449 form in this case (with the filing of this case on October 11, 2003). This PTO-1449 form has been signed and all of the references on the form have been initialed. This is appreciated.

G. The Office Action

For the convenience of the Examiner, this portion of

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the Remarks tracks the Office Action section by section.

G.1. Section 1 of the Office Action

In section 1 of the Office Action, applicant's election of invention XIV was acknowledged.

G.2. Sections 2, 3 and 4 of the Office Action

In section 2 of the Office Action, a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112 was set out.

In section 3 of the Office Action, claims 28 and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

In section 4 of the Office Action, claims 28 and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential steps. The Office Action inquired as to "how does the method know the identifying information on the person?" The Office Action stated that it is not clear what exactly this means.

The Amendment and Remarks of August 30, 2005 contains a chart showing that page 44 of the provisional case is one basis for the step of "sending with the radio signal identifying information on the person." In more detail, page 44 provides that "On-person silent alarms and connected microphones allow police and/or central dispatch to monitor the seeing and hearing impaired, and others, when requested or required." Further, page 44 provides that "Personal alarms automatically give the identification of the owner and location of the device, and activate surveillance equipment where present. Still further, page 44 provides that "Communication of an alarm signal is by radio, telephone lines, or cellular telephone technology, and provides an atmosphere of safety, control and security."

Hence, in light of the disclosure of the provisional

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case, the method may know the identifying information on the person because:

- the alarm is personal (thus preprogrammed);
- the alarm is automatic (thus preprogrammed); or
- because the user herself may provide such information via the microphone.

Of course, the method may know the identifying information on the person in some other way and thus applicant does not wish to restrict the claims.

Hence, it is respectfully submitted that claim 28 does not require amendment so as to provide a bridge between steps. However, if the Examiner concludes that this issue is unresolved, applicant is open as to suggestions by the Examiner as to claim language.

G.3. Section 5 of the Office Action

In section 5 of the Office Action, quotations of 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and 35 U.S.C. 102(e) were set out.

G.4. Section 6 of the Office Action

In section 6 of the Office Action, claims 28 and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being fully anticipated by Stayton et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The earliest date upon which Stayton et al. may rely is July 20, 2001. In the Amendment and Remarks of August 30, 2005, it is pointed out that basis for present independent claim 28 is found 1) in applicant's provisional application 60/026,919 filed September 25, 1996, and 2) in applicant's regular application 08/936,640 filed September 24, 1997. It is thus respectfully submitted that independent claim 28 is allowable over the Stayton et al. reference.

For the convenience of the Examiner, the charts showing

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such basis are reproduced again in this Amendment and Remarks in sections H. and I. below.

G.5. Section 7 of the Office Action

In section 7 of the Office Action, claims 28 and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being fully anticipated by Hoffberg. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The earliest date upon which Hoffberg may rely is January 27, 1998. In the Amendment and Remarks of August 30, 2005, it is pointed out that basis for present independent claim 28 is found 1) in applicant's provisional application 60/026,919 filed September 25, 1996, and 2) in applicant's regular application 08/936,640 filed September 24, 1997. It is thus respectfully submitted that independent claim 28 is allowable over the Hoffberg reference.

For the convenience of the Examiner, the charts showing such basis are reproduced again in this Amendment and Remarks in sections H. and I. below.

G.6. Section 8 of the Office Action

In section 8 of the Office Action, claims 28 and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being fully anticipated by Gray et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The earliest date upon which Gray et al. may rely is July 31, 1998. In the Amendment and Remarks of August 30, 2005, it is pointed out that basis for present independent claim 28 is found 1) in applicant's provisional application 60/026,919 filed September 25, 1996, and 2) in applicant's regular application 08/936,640 filed September 24, 1997. It is thus respectfully submitted that independent claim 28 is

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allowable over the Gray et al. reference.

For the convenience of the Examiner, the charts showing such basis are reproduced again in this Amendment and Remarks in sections H. and I. below.

H. Basis for claim 28 in U.S. Provisional Patent
Application No. 60/026,919 filed September 25, 1996

Claim 28	Basis in 60/026,919
An automated control method comprising the steps of:	Application as a whole
providing a device with a processor,	Page 63 (see column relating to intelligent seeing, hearing and safety systems)
a transmitter,	Page 63 (see column relating to intelligent seeing, hearing and safety systems)
a receiver	Page 63 (see column relating to intelligent seeing, hearing and safety systems)
a microphone,	Page 44
a speaker,	Page 44 (disclosing integrated voice response technology)
a global positioning system	Page 44 (disclosing geographic information systems)
and a scanner,	Page 63 (see column relating to intelligent seeing, hearing and safety systems)
with the device being operated by a person;	Pages 43-44
receiving a designated signal with the device;	Page 44
emitting a radio signal from the device; and	Page 44
sending with the radio signal identifying information on the person.	Page 44

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I. Basis for claim 28 in U.S. Patent Application No.
08/936,640 filed September 24, 1997

Claim 28	Basis in 08/936,640
An automated control method comprising the steps of:	Application as a whole
providing a device with a processor,	Figure 12B and related text
a transmitter,	Figure 12B and related text
a receiver	Figure 12B and related text
a microphone,	Figure 12B and related text
a speaker,	Figure 12B (disclosing interactive voice response) and related text including page 38, line 12
a global positioning system	Figure 12B and related text
and a scanner,	Figure 12B and related text
with the device being operated by a person;	Figure 12B and related text
receiving a designated signal with the device;	Figure 12B and related text
emitting a radio signal from the device; and	Figures 11A, 12B and related text such as on page 35, lines 19-20, relating the transmitter to the vehicle transmitter, which is disclosed on page 20, lines 4-5 as a radio transmitter
sending with the radio signal identifying information on the person.	Figure 11A and related text, including page 36, lines 16-17

K. Section 9 of the Office Action

Section 9 of the Office Action does not contain a rejection. However, the Examiner's concern as to the breadth of the claims is noted. The Examiner stated that any modern commercial aircraft meets the limitations.

In order to address this concern, applicant is willing to limit the scope of the present claims to hand carriable mechanisms, such as shown in Figures 11A, 11B, 12A, 12B, 12C, 13, 14A, 14B, 15A, 15B, 16A and 16B. It is

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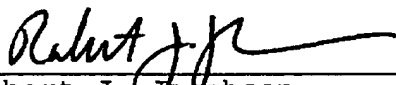
respectfully submitted that the present claims read upon such species as well as upon other species in applicant's specification.

L. Summary

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully invited to make contact with the undersigned by telephone if such would advance prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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